

Senator Bates nominated Senator H. J. (Doc) Blanchard of Lubbock as President Pro Tempore for the First Called Session of the Sixty-first Legislature.

(Senator Hightower in the Chair.)

Senators Strong, Word, Connally, Creighton, Wilson, Schwartz, Hall, Harrington, Aikin, Watson, Christie, McKool, Herring, Patman, and Hightower seconded the nomination.

There being no further nominations, the Presiding Officer announced the appointment of the following as Tellers to take up and count the ballots: Senators McKool, Watson and Brooks.

The ballots were taken up and counted and the Presiding Officer announced that Senator Blanchard had received 29 votes with 1 present not voting for President Pro Tempore of the First Called Session of the Sixty-first Legislature and declared him duly elected.

(President in the Chair.)

The President appointed Senators Strong, Christie, Hightower, Bates and Ratliff to escort Senator Blanchard and his wife, Mary, and sons, Jeffrey Paul, John Ben, Robert Henry and William Clifton, to the President's Rostrum. Their daughter, Adrienne Robertson, could not be present today.

Senator Blanchard was administered the Constitutional Oath of Office by the President of the Senate as President Pro Tempore of the First Called Session of the Sixty-first Legislature. The President then presented President Pro Tempore Blanchard to the Senate.

President Pro Tempore Blanchard addressed the Senate thanking the Members on behalf of himself, his wife, Mary, and his children for the honor bestowed upon them. He stated further that he was "grateful for the friendship, help and warmth of each and every one of you. The Blanchards are deeply grateful for your friendship and for the honor you have bestowed upon us."

Memorial Resolution

S. R. No. 4—By Senator Brooks: Memorial resolution for L. G. Sanders.

Welcome Resolutions

S. R. No. 5—By Senators Hall and Hightower: Extending welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Phil Grace of Wichita Falls.

S. R. No. 6—By Senator Schwartz: Extending welcome to Mrs. Samuel Bronstien.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Aikin, the Senate at 12:52 o'clock p.m. adjourned until 11:00 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

SECOND DAY

(Tuesday, July 29, 1969)

The Senate met at 11:00 o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President.

The roll was called and the following Senators were present:

Aikin	Herring
Bates	Hightower
Bernal	Jordan
Berry	Mauzy
Blanchard	McKool
Bridges	Moore
Brooks	Patman
Christie	Ratliff
Cole	Schwartz
Connally	Snelson
Hall	Strong
Harrington	Watson
Harris	Wilson
Hazlewood	Word

Absent—Excused

Creighton	Kennard
Grover	

A quorum was announced present.

Reverend W. H. Townsend, Chaplain, offered the invocation.

On motion of Senator Aikin, and by unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday was dispensed with and the Journal was approved.

Leaves of Absence

Senator Kennard was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Mauzy.

Senator Creighton was granted leave of absence for today on account

of illness in the family on motion of Senator Herring.

Senator Grover was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Hightower.

Senate Bill on First Reading

The following bill was introduced, read first time and referred to the Committee indicated:

By Senator Aikin:

S. B. No. 1, A bill to be entitled "An Act appropriating money for the support of the Judicial, Executive and Legislative Branches of the State Government, for the construction of State buildings, and for State aid to public junior colleges, for the two-year period beginning September 1, 1969, and ending August 31, 1971; authorizing and prescribing conditions, limitations, rules and procedures for allocating and expending the appropriated funds; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Finance.

Resolutions Signed

The President signed in the presence of the Senate after the caption had been read, the following enrolled resolutions:

S. C. R. No. 2, Inviting the Honorable Preston Smith to address a Joint Session of the Legislature.

H. C. R. No. 1, Inviting the Honorable Preston Smith to address a Joint Session of the Legislature.

Message From the House

Hall of the House of Representatives
Austin, Texas,
July 29, 1969.

Hon. Ben Barnes, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following:

S. C. R. No. 1, Commending the Flight of Apollo 11.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY HALLMAN,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Messages From the Governor

The following messages received from the Governor were read and were referred to the Committee on Nominations:

Austin, Texas,
July 29, 1969.

To the Senate of the Sixty-first Legislature, First Called Session:

I ask the advice, consent, and confirmation of the Senate with respect to the following appointments:

To be Members of the Credit Union Commission: For a two-year term to expire February 15, 1971: Wilfred S. MacKinnon of Baytown, Harris County; Robert W. Mitchell of Longview, Gregg County. For a four-year term to expire February 15, 1973: Pete G. Gooch of Fort Worth, Tarrant County; R. C. Morgan of El Paso, El Paso County. For a six-year term to expire February 15, 1975: Walter V. Duncan of Richardson, Dallas County; Glenn D. Johnson of Houston, Harris County.

To be a Member of the Texas Industrial Commission: For a six-year term to expire January 15, 1975: Lloyd L. Davis of Plainview, Hale County, to replace Leslie G. Burnett of Austin, Travis County.

To be a Member of the Texas Board of Mental Health and Mental Retardation: For a six-year term to expire January 31, 1975: Edwin R. Van Zandt of Beaumont, Jefferson County, to replace Raleigh R. White, M.D., of Temple, Bell County.

To be a Member of the State Board of Examiners in Optometry: To fill the unexpired term of Dr. Ira Woods of Grapevine, Tarrant County, deceased, term to expire August 11, 1969: William F. Baber, O.D., of Vernon, Wilbarger County.

To be a Member of the Parks and Wildlife Commission: For a six-year term to expire February 1, 1975: J. Pearce Johnson of Austin, Travis County, to replace J. M. Dellinger of Corpus Christi, Nueces County.

To be Director, Division of State-Federal Relations: Randy Pendleton of Andrews, Andrews County, to replace Alton D. Ice of Austin, Travis County, resigned.

To be Members of the Board of Regents of Texas Tech University: For a two-year term to expire January 31, 1971: Marshall Formby of Plainview, Hale County; Roy Furr, Sr., of Lubbock, Lubbock County; Retha R. Martin of Lubbock, Lubbock County. For a four-year term to expire January 31, 1973: Waggoner Carr of Austin, Travis County; Charles D. Mathews of Dallas, Dallas County; Judson F. Williams of El Paso, El Paso County. For a six-year term to expire January 31, 1975: R. Trent Campbell of Houston, Harris County; R. Frank Junell of San Angelo, Tom Green County; James J. Ling of Dallas, Dallas County

Respectfully submitted,
PRESTON SMITH,
Governor of Texas.

Austin, Texas,
July 29, 1969.

To the Senate of the Sixty-first Legislature, First Called Session:

I ask the advice, consent, and confirmation of the Senate with respect to the following appointments:

To be Branch Pilots for the Galveston Bar and Houston Ship Channel: For a two-year term to expire July 3, 1971: Captain Edwin L. Bruce of Pasadena, Harris County; Captain James J. Johnson of Houston, Harris County; Captain James W. Pearson of Galveston, Galveston County; Captain Robert E. Wicker of Pasadena, Harris County. For a two-year term to expire July 11, 1971: Captain Paul Collie of Houston, Harris County.

To be Branch Pilots for the Ports of Galveston and Texas City: For a two-year term to expire July 25, 1971: Captain Sherman B. Wetmore of Galveston, Galveston County; Captain Basil V. O'Brien of Galveston, Galveston County.

Respectfully submitted,
PRESTON SMITH,
Governor of Texas.

Austin, Texas,
July 29, 1969.

To the Senate of the Sixty-first Legislature, First Called Session:

I ask the advice, consent, and confirmation of the Senate with respect to the following appointment:

To be District Judge of the 21st Judicial District: To fill the unexpired term of John S. Simmang of Giddings, Lee County, deceased: C. B. Maynard of Bastrop, Bastrop County.

Respectfully submitted,
PRESTON SMITH,
Governor of Texas.

Austin, Texas,
July 29, 1969.

To the Senate of the Sixty-first Legislature, First Called Session:

I ask the advice, consent, and confirmation of the Senate with respect to the following appointment:

To be District Attorney of the 34th Judicial District: To fill the unexpired term of Barton Boling of El Paso, El Paso County, who resigned effective August 1, 1969: George Rodriguez of El Paso, El Paso County.

Respectfully submitted,
PRESTON SMITH,
Governor of Texas.

Memorial Resolution

S. R. No. 8—By Senator Watson: Memorial resolution for Mrs. Mary Holliday Spillman.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Hightower the Senate at 11:15 o'clock a.m. adjourned until 11:00 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

In Memory of
**Lieutenant General
Andrew Davis Bruce**

Senator Cole offered the following resolution:

(Senate Concurrent Resolution 4)

Whereas, Texas and the nation lost a distinguished military commander, administrator and educator in the death of Lieutenant General Andrew Davis Bruce, chancellor emeritus of the University of Houston, who died suddenly at his retirement home in Southern Pines, North Carolina, on Sunday, July 27, 1969, at the age of 75 years; and

Whereas, General Bruce brought honor to his Alma Mater, Texas A & M College, during 37 years of active service in the United States Army during which he rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the first World War; returned to become a graduate of the Infantry School, Field Artillery School, Command and General Staff College, Army War College and Naval War College; served on the General Staff; organized the Tank Destroyer Center at Fort Hood, Texas; commanded the 77th Infantry Division with great tactical ability at Leyte, Guam and Okinawa; earned the personal plaudits of General Douglas A. MacArthur; became the first military governor of Hokkaido, the northernmost island of Japan; and was deputy commander of the Fourth United States Army and commandant of the Armed Forces Staff College after becoming the first graduate of Texas A & M College to attain the rank of lieutenant general; and

Whereas, General Bruce, although a native of Missouri, spent much of his life in and regarded himself as a true son of Texas and had literally thousands of friends in this state dating back to his childhood in the Rio Grande Valley, his days as a cadet at College Station and his cherished membership in the famed First Officers' Training Camp; and

Whereas, General Bruce made a new major contribution as an educator after he had retired from the Army at age 60, serving seven years as president and later chancellor of the University of Houston during a critical stage in the development of this major new institution in the state system of higher education; and

Whereas, This soldier-administrator-educator exemplified at every stage in his life the very fundamentals of good citizenship and gentlemanly bearing and conduct; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of Texas, the House of Representatives concurring, That this Resolution stand in memory of Andrew Davis Bruce, and that the Texas Legislature pay tribute to him; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Members of the Texas Legislature extend appreciation for his life and services, and sympathy upon his passing, to his widow, Mrs. Roberta Kennedy Bruce; his surviving son, A. D. Bruce, Jr.; and his daughter, Mrs. Claud K. Josey; and, be it further

Resolved, That official copies of this Resolution be prepared for each of the aforementioned members of his family, and that when the Senate and House of Representatives adjourn this day, that they do so in memory of Andrew Davis Bruce.

COLE
BROOKS
SCHWARTZ

Signed—Lieutenant Governor Ben Barnes; Aikin, Bates, Bernal, Berry, Blanchard, Bridges, Christie, Connally, Creighton, Grover, Hall, Harrington, Harris, Hazlewood, Herring, Hightower, Jordan, Kennard, Mauzy, McKool, Moore, Patman, Ratliff, Snelson, Strong, Watson, Wilson, Word.

The resolution was read.

On motion of Senator Brooks, and by unanimous consent, the names of the Lieutenant Governor and Senators were added to the resolution as signers thereof.

On motion of Senator Cole, and by unanimous consent, the resolution was considered immediately and was adopted by a rising vote of the Senate.

In Memory of
Mrs. Abner V. McCall

Senator Watson offered the following resolution:

(Senate Resolution 7)

Whereas, A lovely and gracious resident of Waco, Mrs. Abner V. McCall, died on Wednesday, June 11, 1969, at the age of 50; and

Whereas, Mrs. McCall was the wife of Dr. Abner McCall, the president of Baylor University, and she was prominent in Waco civic, educational, and church affairs; and

Whereas, The former Frances Laura Bortle of Longview, Texas, was a 1936 graduate of Longview High School and she met her future husband when they both worked for the law firm of Sinchcomb, Kenley, and Sharp in Longview, she was a legal secretary and he was an attorney; and

Whereas, She was an active and devoted member of the First Baptist Church and was a teacher in primary Sunday school class; and

Whereas, This beloved lady was a great asset to the city of Waco and Baylor University, and her dedication to her family and community will be long remembered; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the State of Texas pay highest honor to the memory of Mrs. Abner V. McCall, a truly great lady, and extend sympathy to the members of her family: to her husband, Abner V. McCall; to her three daughters, Mrs. George Schell of Los Angeles, California, Mrs. Jerry Roeder of Houston, Texas, and Miss Kathleen McCall of Waco; and to her son, Dick McCall of Waco; and, be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the members of her family and that when the Senate of the 61st Legislature, 1st Called Session, adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Mrs. Abner V. McCall.

WATSON

Signed—Lieutenant Governor Ben Barnes; Aikin, Bates, Bernal, Berry, Blanchard, Bridges, Brooks, Christie, Cole, Connally, Creighton, Grover, Hall, Harrington, Harris, Hazlewood, Herring, Hightower, Jordan, Kennard, Mauzy, McKool, Moore, Patman, Ratliff, Schwartz, Snelson, Strong, Wilson, Word.

The resolution was read.

On motion of Senator Hazlewood, and by unanimous consent, the names of the Lieutenant Governor and Senators were added to the resolution as signers thereof.

On motion of Senator Watson, and by unanimous consent, the resolution was considered immediately and was adopted by a rising vote of the Senate.